



## Orlando \* Winter Park BRANCHLINE

### DECEMBER PROGRAM



Winter Park High School proudly presents ***Belle Chanson***, a group of 12 talented young women who perform a wide range of music from classical to Broadway. Today they will be performing a variety of holiday music. This is an all-women's group, grades 10—12.

We are extremely fortunate to have them sing for us again this year.

### GENERAL MEETING

**SATURDAY**

**December 12, 2015  
9 a.m.**

**First Congregational Church  
of Winter Park  
225 S. Interlachen Avenue  
(at New England Ave.)  
Winter Park, FL 32789**

**\$15.00 per person  
Reservations Required**

**RSVP Contact:  
Rosemary Vendena  
407-282-1023  
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**Cash or check  
payable at the door  
(Checks should be made out  
to "AAUW Orlando/  
Winter Park")**

**Or mail your check to:  
Rosemary Vendena  
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Orlando, FL 32828**

**You are responsible for  
payment in full if you do not  
keep your reservation.**

## From the President's Desk



Hollywood actor Geena Davis saw her career go into a tailspin when she turned 40. Suspecting an industry bias against women, she commissioned a study on gender attitudes in family films and TV shows. The results? Women make up 30 percent of all speaking roles in those media, and only 17 percent in crowd scenes. That 17 percent appears to be a magic number – it is everywhere in this area. The U.S. Congress, Fortune 500 Board members, law partners, tenured college professors, military leadership, and cardiac surgeons all include just 17 percent women.

But on the upside, an 8-year-old girl in Maine, having heard on TV, in her young lifetime, only Olympia Snowe and Susan Collins as the state's U.S. senators, asked her father, "Daddy, can boys grow up to be senators?" Role-modeling does work.

I was privileged in November to have a guided tour of the Pace Center for Girls, and also to assist in serving Thanksgiving dinner to those girls and their families. I recommend both. You'll have to wait a year for the dinner gig, but see Barbara Knapp about getting on the list for the next tour. You won't regret it.

With best holiday wishes for all,

*Max Reed*  
*President*

## From the Finance Director

### Year-End Reminders for Tax Deduction

If you are beginning to assemble information for your 2015 Federal income tax return, don't forget all the charitable contributions you make through our AAUW Branch: \$46 of your \$49 National dues is a deductible donation to the AAUW Fund. If you joined at the special \$50 rate, you can deduct \$23. In addition, any donations made to the Legal Advocacy Fund, the Education Fund, or any fund at the National level should be included. If you're not sure how many donations you have made through the year, I can look that up for you. Also, donations to the Valencia Foundation for the AAUW Scholarship are deductible.

So far this year, in addition to our Branch fundraising efforts, 54 individual donations have been credited to our Branch, contributed by our members and their family members. This is a good time to remind ourselves that a \$5, \$10, or \$25 donation may not seem important. But multiplied over the Nation, it's actually how we keep moving forward on our important missions.

If you have questions about your contributions, call or email me.



*Rosemary Vendena*  
*Finance Director*

## From the VP Membership

Please welcome our new members:

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## Director for Development

The Holiday Boutique was nicely attended and we were able to contribute \$560.00 to the AAUW Educational Opportunities Fund. Thanks to all members who attended and supported the event, and especially to committee members, Emily Bader, Sandra Breeden, Eileen Garrison, Sue Orth and Rosemary Vendena. (See pictures on page 5.)

Our next major fundraiser will be the Literary Luncheon in March featuring our very own member, Linda Dunlap, who will discuss her newly published book, *Rail Walking*. Please mark your calendars for this popular event.

*Joanne Taurence*



# PACE

Thanksgiving was definitely in the air at the PACE Center for Girls on November 19. Students, their families, and the entire PACE staff enjoyed a fabulous Thanksgiving meal prepared for and served to them by our own AAUW members. It was a wonderful opportunity to interact with students, staff, families, and each other in such a festive atmosphere.

Many, many thanks to those who prepared food, cooked turkeys, served food, made monetary contributions, and helped with set-up and clean-up. Each of you helped to make this a very special and delicious occasion for both PACE and for AAUW!!!

Joanne and Karen are so grateful to Pat Stamm for her able guidance as we learn the ropes from our seasoned leader. Pat has headed the Thanksgiving event for many

years and was ready for some assistance. Kudos to Pat for all she does for this organization!



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**THURSDAY,  
NOVEMBER 19, 2015  
THANKSGIVING  
AT PACE**



## Public Policy

While it seems like the next Presidential election should be around the corner, it is actually almost a year away. We are looking for members who are interested in joining a Public Policy team to host candidate and issue forums, voter registration events, judicial candidate descriptions, and other activities over the summer and

fall that make sure members and others feel fully informed and energized to vote. Please contact Public Policy chair Beth McCarty at



cemccarty2013@yahoo.com to express your interest.

*Beth McCarty*



## Scholarships

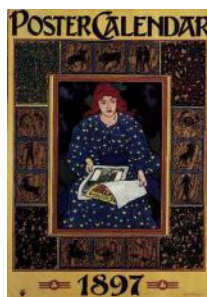
It is time to submit your AAUW Scholarship application. The form is on the website and the deadline is March 31.

Members, friends, family are eligible –  
Women only!  
Study in STEM areas is preferred.

The PACE Next Step Grant Committee will be meeting with our first applicant on November 24. We anticipate being able to help her with tuition for the January term at Valencia College.

*Karen Buchan*

## Calendars



Don't forget to bring any new 2016 calendars to the December AAUW meeting. Desk and pocket calendars as well as wall calendars are welcome.

Calendars will be distributed to persons of meager means in and around the Winter Park area.

Martha Williamson, Ginny Gilmer, and Myra Gaziano will collect them. Lynda Hinckley gratefully acknowledges your generosity!

*Lynda Hinckley*



Many thanks to all of you who either donated money, made food, or worked at the PACE Thanksgiving Luncheon. It was a huge success and the girls were still talking about it when I

went to the Board Meeting the following week. Your continued support of PACE is so strong and teachers, staff, and girls are most appreciative!

Wednesday, December 16, at 10 a.m. is the date chosen for the presentation of the Miracle Boxes. Please bring your boxes to the December 12 meeting. If you are unable to attend our general meeting, please contact me directly and I will pick up your box. My cell is 407-620-7357 or e-mail me at [jbknapps@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbknapps@cfl.rr.com). If you are

interested in attending PACE to help distribute the boxes please let me know in advance.

I also must say thank you to the nine ladies who took the tour of the PACE Center on Tues., November 17. We met with the Executive Director, Terra L. Harris, for an overview and then two students took us around the facility. I think I speak for all of those who attended when I say we learned a lot about PACE. If you are interested in joining a tour after the holidays, please get in touch with me and we will set up another one.

Thank you again for all you do for PACE!

*Barbara Knapp*  
PACE Liaison





### November 14, 2015 Holiday Boutique



If the Christmas story happened today, the miracle would be the appearance of Three Wise Men.



The sugarplums mentioned in the poem "*A Visit from Saint Nicholas*" (and in Tchaikovsky's "*Nutcracker Suite*") have nothing to do with plums. They are actually hard candies.



Christmas is when you show goodwill to all living things by first cutting down a Christmas tree.



Our kids have reached the age where they're beginning to get suspicious about Santa Claus. One of them asked me how he could get all those millions of different things into one bag. I said, "You ever look in your mother's purse?"

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**Book Launch and Conversation  
with  
Linda Dunlap**

**Wed. Dec. 16  
6-8 p.m.**

**Writer's Block Bookstore  
124 East Welbourne Ave.  
Winter Park, FL  
407-355-4192**

**(See next page)**

**Annual Literary Luncheon  
Saturday, March 12, 2016  
Speaker: Our Branch member,  
Linda L. Dunlap  
Author of *Rail Walking and  
Other Stories***





## From our Members

### RIVER CRUISE MISHAP #2

[In September we told you about Pearl Steele's river cruise that never left the dock due to lack of water. This month, Karen Buchan left for a 15-day river cruise. Here is her story.]

I recently returned from a 15-day Viking river cruise from Amsterdam to Budapest. It was a wonderful trip – and a bit more exciting than planned.

My travel buddy Nancy and I arrived early, got checked into our room on the “Viking Ship Vili,” secured our passports and cash in the safe, freshened up a bit, checked the ship's departure time (11 p.m.) and headed off to see some sights. After dinner with a friend, coffee at the Hard Rock Café, and an Indonesian Rijsttafel (rice table), we headed back to the ship. It was only



9:15 p.m. and we were pleased with ourselves for getting back nearly two hours before departure time, but when we arrived at the dock, the ship WAS NOWHERE IN SIGHT.



There we were—left in the rain, in the dark, on the dock in AMSTERDAM!

The area was virtually deserted but we knew the Doubletree Hotel was close by. We took a taxi, and upon arrival at the hotel, were able to contact the ship. We were instructed to go to the Moevenpick Hotel—a taxi ride BACK to the dock area. The Hotel was unaware of any special arrangements with Viking so the ship was contacted again. Eventually we had a room and we slept in our clothes.

At last we spoke to a Viking rep in person at the hotel. She arranged for another taxi to take us to the ship's first stop in Kinderdijk, luckily, only 75 minutes away. Once aboard, we did not disembark until the next morning!

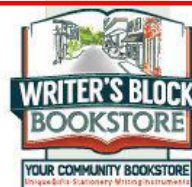
We figure it cost Viking over \$800 and cost us a little frustration and lost sleep/relaxation. But it was a great story that, by the end of our cruise, everyone on the ship was talking about.

Viking apologized with a small box of candy, a bottle of wine, and a nice note. I am not complaining, but we do plan to write to UPPER management, and if we travel on Viking again, we will remind them of this “slight” inconvenience and expect some special consideration—like shipboard credit and room upgrade!

*Karen Buchan*

### Book Launch & Conversation with **Linda L. Dunlap**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM



Linda L. Dunlap began her second career as a fiction writer in the late eighties after a successful career as a registered nurse. Her first story, “I’m Here, Mr. Sullivan,” was published by Pencil Press Quarterly in 1987. Since then, she’s had numerous short works published in literary and university presses across the country including The Crescent Review, Florida Magazine, RE:AL, Timber Creek Review, and Savannah Literary Journal. She was awarded artist’s fellowship grants from the Florida Department of Cultural Affairs in 1996, in 2000 and again in 2010, and her short story, “Goldenrod” was nominated for a Pushcart Prize in 2010. A native of Georgia, she now lives in Winter Park, Florida and tries to write every day.

Pick up a copy of her collection of short stories, *Rail Walking*, either online or in-store to have signed!



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## Interest Groups

If you have not tried one of our AAUW special interest groups yet, pick out a new group to try this month. Just contact the interest group leader and ask if you may come to her next event. If you enjoy the group, ask to be put on that special interest e-group list, so you don't

miss out on any updates or changes that come up during the month.

**Barbara Buchele**

Interest Groups Coordinator

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Walking Group: Chair Missy Baker (407-644-5661) (407 346-6561-cell) [bakerworks@gmail.com](mailto:bakerworks@gmail.com)



One of the most famous paintings of American history is Washington Crossing the Delaware. Brave General Washington, standing in the boat, leading his men across the river on Christmas Eve, 1776, to surprise the British at the Battle of Trenton. It has all the elements of a true painting of Americana: George Washington, Christmas and weary soldiers. What it didn't have were its facts straight. A German artist named Emanuel Leutze painted the work 75 years after the battle; he used American tourists as models and the Rhine River for the Delaware. He got the style of the boat wrong, the clothing was incorrect, even the American flag was

wrong (the flag depicted hadn't been created at the time of the battle). But why let facts get in the way of a little history, right? And hey, it's still a nice painting.

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An article in the Dec. 2004 issue of the British medical journal proposed that a child's belief in Santa Claus encourages their moral development as they believe he knows which children are good or bad. Dr. Lynda Breen, the psychiatrist who wrote the article, says the myth "is a useful ace up a parent's sleeve." But who suffers the most when the child eventually grows out of believing in Santa? "Most of the evidence suggests that children are actually quite positive when they find out the truth and it is actually parents who mourn the loss."

*Leland Gregory's Stupid Christmas, 2010*



## Interest Groups

### *Lunching Out*

DATE: Monday, December 14  
TIME: 11:30 a.m.  
PLACE: TBA

The Lunching Out Group meets on the second Monday of each month. We seek out interesting (often ethnic) non-chain restaurants.

If you would like to join us, please contact me to get on the list.

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*Linda Fessel*

On Monday, November 9, Lunching Out sampled Polish food at Polonia in Longwood.



### *Museums & Galleries*

We are still looking for a leader for M&G. Please contact Barbara Buchele if you would like to chair or co-chair this group.

### *Walking Group*

Our December theme: *what was old is new*

The Walking Group will don their merry sneakers for a stretch of the legs in old parts of Orlando re-invented to new vibrancy.

Our Thursday, December 10, adventure will take us around parts of Baldwin Park (the old Orlando Naval Training Center) and the East End Market (EEM). *USA Today* noted EEM is located in "the former Living Faith Christian Church: a vacant, old edifice with shattered windows that has since been remarkably resurrected." Walkers will be treated to a market-guided tour by John Rife, its founder.

Walking Group members should contact the December's walk organizer:

Eileen Garrison  
Home 407-359-0553  
Cell 407-620 9703

email eileengar@msn.com  
by Thursday, December 3, if they wish to attend this walk event.

If you are interested in joining the walkers on the second Thursday of each month and would like to receive our walk details, contact Missy Baker at the email below: bakerworks@gmail.com or 407-644-5661.

*Missy Baker*

See pictures from the Nov. 12 "Walk on Water" on page 12.

### *Foreign Films*

At the Home of  
Linda Fessel  
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Call me at the number or e-mail shown above if you would like to be added to the list in order to receive more information about each movie. If you're a new attendee, please call me in advance for directions.

Next movie (TBA) will be Monday, Dec. 28 at 1 pm.



*Linda Fessel*

### *Mah Jongg*

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#### **BEGINNERS WELCOME**

We meet every Thursday (except the 2nd Thursday of the month).

Contact Linda or Karen for more information.

*Linda & Karen*



## Interest Groups

### *Dining In*

The Dining In group met on Friday, November 6 to celebrate fall at the home of Myra Graziano. Myra set a beautiful Thanksgiving/fall table and the menu featured fall favorites. Great food and conversation as always. The next meeting will be on December 4 with Barbara Buchele hosting.

*Beth McCarty*

Don't forget to check our new Facebook page. Send articles, photos, etc. to Christine Hanlon for inclusion on our Facebook page.

[https://www.facebook.com/  
www.aauworlwp.org](https://www.facebook.com/www.aauworlwp.org)

*Christine Hanlon*



### *PACE Center for Girls Support Group*

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If you have never had a tour of the PACE facility, you will find it very interesting.

Regular monthly tours are being organized on the 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10-11 a.m.

Barbara Knapp would be very glad to host anyone from AAUW who would like to attend. It is easier to manage if there is a handle on the number of people planning to attend.

To get your name on the list, please contact Barbara Knapp at [jbknapps@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jbknapps@cfl.rr.com) or 407-282-5449.

*Anne & Pat*

### *Foreign Affairs*

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**No meeting in December**

**TOPIC:** *India Changes Course*

**DATE:** Sun., January 24, 2016  
2 p.m.

**PLACE:** TBA

*Jo-Ann McCaffrey*

Sometimes kids get very confused about Christmas. One little kid asked his mother, "Is it true that Santa Claus brings us presents?" She said, "Yes, that's true." He said, "And the stork brings us babies?" She said, "Yes, that's true." He said, "And the Police Department protects us?" She said, "That's right." He looked up at her and said, "Then what do we need Daddy for?"

### *Current Issues*

The Current Issues group will be meeting regularly at Westminster Towers (Formerly Winter Park Towers) on Lakemont Avenue in Winter Park. Our meetings are the third Monday of the month from 10 a.m.- 1 p.m. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2016.

Happy Holidays!

*Marcie Kysilka*

If you hear of any member who is ill, undergoing surgery, has experienced a loss, etc., please let our corresponding secretary know so that a card can be sent on a timely basis.

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Judy McDonald  
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You would think that the Puritans, who were known for their religious fervor, must have loved Christmas . . . But they didn't. In fact, they passed a law in 1659 outlawing the celebration of Christmas. They considered Christmas "an extreme forgetfulness of Christ, by giving liberty to carnal and sensual delights."

Every time I hear the story of the infant Jesus born in a manger, I can't help but wonder if Mary and Joseph didn't have the same medical plan I do.

Chip Crabtree and his wife Lori took their sons (ages two, four, and six) to visit Santa at their local Jacksonville, Florida, mall. But when Santa saw Lori wearing a Gators sweatshirt, he remarked, "Santa Claus doesn't like Gators Fans . . . Santa Claus wishes that Florida State would beat the Gators in the Sugar Bowl." Soon Santa and the Crabtrees were exchanging unpleasant remarks, and Santa stormed off the stage and left the mall. Crabtree explained to his confused children that he wasn't the real Santa. "Sometimes Santa uses helpers, and this one was an impostor" he said. Crabtree's six-year-old said he knew it wasn't Santa because "there wasn't any magic in his eyes."



## Interest Groups

### Booklovers

In December, Booklovers take a break from discussing a book and instead meet for brunch or lunch. However, they are encouraged to recommend a book(s) for next year's reading.

How are books chosen to be read in the various Booklover Groups? Members submit suggestions; a selection committee (formed in large part of the Booklovers chairs), discusses and researches every book recommended. A list of approximately 50 books will ultimately be picked to form the ballot, which is divided into the following genres: Fiction, Non-Fiction, Classics, and Biography/Autobiography/Memoir. All Booklovers vote from this list and the winning titles comprise the next season's books. Members may send book selection recommendations via:

<https://surveymonkey.com> Booklovers Ballot Suggestions.

This website is now open and all Booklovers are encouraged to submit a title (or titles) for next year's reading. It's an easy way to submit a recommendation—just type in the information asked for and click "submit."

The deadline for book submissions is January 31, 2016. Selections may also be submitted on a 3 X 5 card to Martha Williamson. Please include the title, author's name, a brief description, number of pages, category, if you've read the book, and anything else you want to tell us about the book.



So . . . Booklovers, enjoy your December social, submit one or more books for the ballot, go to the survey monkey and have a Happy Holiday Season.

**Ellen James**

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### Theatre Group

What: *My Name is Asher Lev*

When: Sunday, December 6, 2015 at 3 p.m.

Where: Mad Cow Theatre 54 West Church Street, Orlando, FL

Call: 407-297-8788 or madcowtheatre.com

*My Name is Asher Lev* is a powerful adaptation of Chaim Potok's critically acclaimed novel chronicling a young painting prodigy growing up in a Hasidic community.

Set in post-WWII Brooklyn, young Asher's story unfolds against a backdrop of tradition and faith. But when his art comes in conflict with his religious identity, Asher must choose between family and purpose. A story of growth and perseverance, Aaron Posner's adaptation of this modern classic is a touching examination of the artist's journey.

**Barbara Buchele**

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[The following was written in December 2006 showing that things sure haven't changed much. But how fortunate that we have writers like Dave Barry to make us laugh about them. ed.]

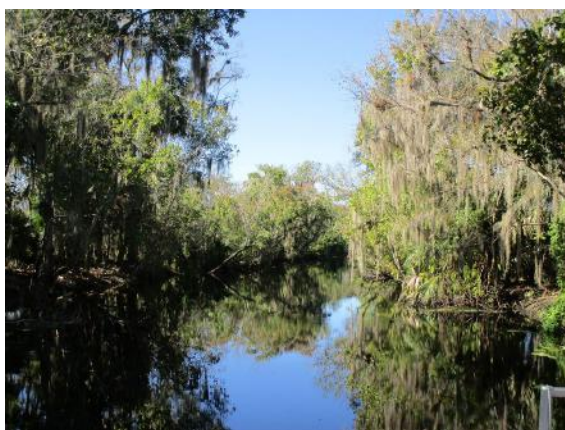
" . . . Despite the well-founded fear of terrorism, the seemingly unbreakable and escalating cycle of violence in the Middle East, the uncertain world economic future, the menace of global warming, the near certainty that rogue states run by lunatics will soon have nuclear weapons, and the fact that America is confronting these dangers with a federal government sharply divided into two hostile parties unable to agree on anything except that the other side is scum. Americans face the new year with a remarkable lack of worry, and for a very good reason: They are busy drinking beer and watching football. So Happy New Year."

(Dave Barry's *History of the Millennium*)






Here's what you missed if you did not join the walking group last month in Deland.



On Thursday, November 12, the walking group took the Blue Heron River Tour along the serene St. Johns, enjoying the bird life and learning the history of the waterway. Did you know that manatees have no body fat? And turtles love to lie on the backs of alligators. What's the gators favorite food? Turtles!



## December 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers I  <u>7-10 p.m.</u> B-Lovers III (this month only)	2 <u>10 a.m.</u> B-Lovers IX  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers II  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VII	3 <u>12 noon</u> Mah Jongg	4     <u>7 p.m.</u> Dining In	5
6  <u>3 p.m.</u> Theatre grp.  <b>Hanukkah</b>	7	8  <u>1:30 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VI	9	10  <u>a.m. thru lunch</u> Walking Grp.  <u>7 p.m.</u> B-Lovers VIII	11	12  <u>9 a.m.</u> General Mtg.
13	14  <u>11:30</u> LUNCHING OUT	15  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers V	16  <u>1 p.m.</u> B-Lovers IV	17  <u>1:00</u> B-Lovers X  <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg	18	19
20	21  <b>Winter begins (brrrr)</b>	22	23	24  <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg  <b>Christmas Eve</b>	25  <b>Christmas</b>	26
27	28  <u>1 p.m.</u> Foreign films	29	30	31  <u>1:00</u> Mah Jongg  <b>New Year's Eve</b>		

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Tues. 5 Booklovers I (1 p.m.)  
 Wed. 6 Booklovers IX (10 a.m.)  
 Wed. 6 Booklovers II (1 p.m.)  
 Wed. 6 Booklovers VII (1 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 7 Mah Jongg (1 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 7 Booklovers III (7 p.m.)  
**Sat. 9 Gen. Mtg. (9 a.m.)**  
 Mon. 11 Lunching Out (11:30 –1:30)  
 Tues. 12 Booklovers VI (1:30 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 14 Walking Group  
 Thurs. 14 Booklovers VIII (7 p.m.)  
 Sat. 16 Couples Dining (7 p.m.)  
**Mon. 18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day**  
 Mon. 18 Current Issues (10 a.m.—1 p.m.)  
 Tues. 19 Booklovers V (1 p.m.)  
 Wed. 20 Booklovers IV (1 p.m.)

Thurs. 21 Mah Jongg (1 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 21 Booklovers X (1 p.m.)  
 Sun. 24 Foreign Affairs (2 p.m.)  
 Mon. 25 Foreign Films (1 p.m.)  
 Thurs. 28 Mah Jongg



As another year draws to a close, we would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have contributed to the Branchline in 2015. We hope that you will continue to support YOUR newsletter in 2016. From the entire Branchline staff, we would like to wish you all a wonderful holiday season and the healthiest and happiest of new years.

*Linda Fessel, ed.*